

The Rock Island City Council met in Study Session at 5:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers at Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley presiding, and Aldermen, Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. Also present were City Manager John Phillips, Public Works Director Bob Hawes, Attorney Roy Harsh, City Attorney Ted Kutsunis, Community and Economic Development Director Greg Champagne, John Gripp, Superintendent of Recreation, Finance Director Bill Scott and other City staff. Alderman P.J. Foley arrived at 5:05 p.m. and Alderman Jason W. Jones arrived at 5:15 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to recess to Executive Session on matters of Litigation and Property Acquisition. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was recessed at 5:02 p.m.

Mayor Pauley reconvened the regular meeting at 5:20 p.m.

### **SPECIAL USE LIQUOR LICENSES**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon John Gripp, Superintendent of Recreation to review several proposed changes to the liquor license ordinance.

Mr. Gripp advised that currently, there is a class T (temporary) license available to non-profit organizations to sell alcoholic liquor. It was noted that this temporary license is not available to the Parks and Recreation Department due to this department not being considered as a not for profit organization. Mr. Gripp explained that they would like to mirror the State's Special Use Permit liquor license, which would allow Parks and Recreation to sell alcohol at special events on City property without having to sell food as part of the Caterer's package in which they originally had. Mr. Gripp added that with this change, the Parks and Recreation Department believes that there will be more rentals, concerts and other activities.

Mayor Pauley stated that as Liquor Commissioner, alcohol would not be allowed near the spray gardens or toys at Schwiebert Riverfront Park and fencing would be required. Council discussed fencing areas as it related to controls for activities concerning alcohol.

Council then discussed controls as it related to the sale of alcohol on City owned property and allowing the Parks and Recreation Department to obtain Special Use Permit liquor licenses to sell alcohol at Park facilities. Mayor Pauley advised that Special Use Permits would only be issued to local Rock Island bars, hotels and restaurants with current liquor licenses; this also includes the Parks and Recreation Department.

In addition, Council discussed the approval process as it related to Special Use Permit liquor licenses. It was noted that these permits would only be issued after the applicant has first obtained prior approval from the Park and Recreation Board to have an event at one of the City's

Park facilities; if the applicant wanted to hold an event on other City owned property then Council authorization would be required. It was also noted that prior approval must be obtained by the Liquor Commissioner before any permits can be issued.

Council further discussed the approval process as it related to the time frame from which the application must be received and fencing as it related to specific areas in Schwiebert Riverfront Park.

### **PURCHASING POLICY**

City Manager John Phillips inquired upon Finance Director Bill Scott to update Council on proposed changes to the purchasing policy.

Mr. Scott stated that the budget includes \$30,000.00 of revenue in the General Fund for purchase card rebates. It was noted that the City will receive cash back if purchases of certain volumes are made. Mr. Scott advised that currently, the City makes approximately \$340,000.00 a year in purchases through purchase cards. It was noted that in order to reach the \$30,000.00 rebate, the City will need to increase the amount of annual purchase card transactions to over \$4.5 million dollars.

Mr. Scott indicated that the proposed changes for allowing the City to meet the target include; increasing the volume that departments purchase through purchase cards; simplifying the process that is used to record the purchases; and utilizing the cards for certain large dollar vendors.

Mr. Scott advised that the goal is to increase the number and dollar amount of purchase card transactions. It was noted that currently, the purchasing policy limits departments to \$2,500.00, which is the amount that department managers can approve for purchase. Mr. Scott stated that if it goes beyond that amount then Council authorization is required. Mr. Scott then discussed purchase card policy limits as it related to comparable cities. Mr. Scott advised that the recommended change is to increase the City's limit to \$10,000.00.

Mr. Scott and Council further discussed dollar limits as it related to modifications to the purchasing policy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion made by Alderman Conroy and seconded by Alderman Foley to adjourn the meeting carried by the following Aye and No vote. Those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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Aleisha L. Patchin, City Clerk

Rock Island City Council met in regular session at 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers of Rock Island City Hall. Present were Mayor Dennis E. Pauley, presiding, and Aldermen Terry M.A. Brooks I, David Conroy, P. J. Foley, Stephen L. Tollenaer, Jason W. Jones, Joy Murphy and Charles O. Austin III. City Manager John Phillips was also present.

### **Introductory Proceedings**

Mayor Pauley called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Alderman Brooks gave the Invocation.

Agenda Item #5

#### **Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2011.**

A motion was made by Alderman Austin and seconded by Alderman Jones to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 16, 2011. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote; those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #6

#### **Update Rock Island by Mayor Pauley.**

Mayor Pauley stated that the 46<sup>th</sup> running of the Quad Cities Criterium will be held in The District on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pauley added that the Criterium is the fourth oldest in the country and the longest running sports tradition in the QC, attracting over 10,000 spectators annually. Mayor Pauley advised that the Criterium features competitive men and women riders from novice to professional, aged 10 to over 60 from all over the U.S. Also included in this event are the Big Wheel and Tricycle races for kids ages 2 to 5, bicycle races for kids ages 6 to 10, the "Bike Rodeo" for kids safety, a wide variety of foods and activities for families and an expanded area for bicycling related products, memorabilia, culture and fun. It was noted that admission is free.

Mayor Pauley advised that the Rock Island Knights of Columbus will present the 2011 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Civic Awards Night on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Island V.F.W. Mayor Pauley stated to please join the Knights of Columbus on that evening to meet the honorees for Firefighter and Police Officer of the Year. It was noted that Rock Island Police Officer John Hoyt and Rock Island Firefighter Terry Smith are the honorees. Mayor Pauley advised that the Knights of Columbus is proud to honor and thank the Rock Island Police Department and Fire Department for their outstanding service to the community. It was noted that reservations are required by June 1<sup>st</sup> by calling 786-9625 or 786-9605.

Mayor Pauley indicated that a Trivia Fundraiser for Parks Music Programs in Rock Island will be held on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Schwiebert Riverfront Park. Mayor Pauley stated that one can enjoy live entertainment and play for a chance to win cash prizes. It was noted that the cost is \$80.00 for a team of 8 players. Mayor Pauley stated to call 732-PARK to register and please use code 8828.

Agenda Item #7  
**CLAIMS**

It was moved by Alderman Austin, seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to accept the following reports and authorize payment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

- a. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Harris Computer for employee SkyView training.
- b. Report from the Administrative Services Department regarding payment in the amount of \$8,026.89 to Califf and Harper, P.C. for legal services rendered for the month of April 2011.
- c. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Per Mar Security Services for services provided at Sunset Marina. (141)
- d. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment in the amount of \$7,804.36 to Langman Construction for repairs made under the 2011 Sanitary Lateral Repair Program at 1841 31<sup>st</sup> Street. (143)
- e. Report from the Public Works Department regarding payment #5 in the amount of \$25,900.00 to General Constructors, Inc. for services provided for improvements to Outfalls 011 and 012. (144)

Agenda Item #8

**Claims for the week of May 13<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$623,986.51.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to allow the claims. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #9

**Payroll for the weeks of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,269,814.91.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Foley to allow the payroll. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #10

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the purchase of street maintenance materials used for micro-surfacing, recommending the bids be awarded to**

**Tri-State Asphalt in the amount of \$113,550.00, Phoenix Corporation of the QC in the amount of \$38,010.00 and River Stone Group, Inc. in the amount \$3,220.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderwoman Murphy to award the bids as recommended and authorize purchases. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #11

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding bids for the Wet Weather Treatment System.**

Alderwoman Murphy moved and Alderman Austin seconded to approve the Notice of Intent to award the bid to Civil Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$45,770,000.00 as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the Notice of Intent. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #12

**Report from the Public Works Department regarding a proposal from McClaren, Wilson & Lawrie for the Police Department planning study in an amount not to exceed \$94,500.00.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents.

Discussion followed. Alderman Jones inquired upon Police Chief Scott Harris to explain as to why a study is needed and where the money is coming from.

Chief Harris advised that the money is coming from the State Drug Prevention Fund. It was noted that the process started a while ago. Chief Harris stated that the police facility is outdated and there needs to be some type of long range planning. Chief Harris added that this is the first step in feasibility planning of what a modern police station should have.

After discussion, the motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #13

**Report from the Board of Local Improvements regarding a Special Assessment Ordinance for improvements to 46<sup>th</sup> Street, 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 47<sup>th</sup> Street Court.**

Alderman Austin moved and Alderman Tollenaer seconded to consider and pass the ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #14

**Report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding amendments to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Liquor of the Code of Ordinances.**

It was moved by Alderman Conroy, seconded by Alderman Austin to approve the amendments as recommended and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #15

**Report from the Community and Economic Development Department regarding a proposal from Quad City Arts for the 2011 Metro Arts Summer Youth Employment Program for the creation of a mural on the blank wall of the building at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.**

Alderman Tollenaer moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the proposal as recommended and authorize support of the program in the amount of \$10,000.00. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #16

**Report from the Mayor regarding a reappointment to the Boaters' Advisory Committee.**

Alderman Conroy moved and Alderman Foley seconded to approve the reappointment as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Denny Maenhout was reappointed to the Boaters' Advisory Committee for a three year term ending on June 1, 2014. Mr. Maenhout represents the 600 dock.

Agenda Item #17

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a Sound Amplification application for the Tri City Jewish Center for Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for their Jewish Feast-ival.**

It was moved by Alderman Tollenaer, seconded by Alderman Foley to approve the sound amplification permit as recommended. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #18

**Report from the City Clerk regarding a request from Kavanaugh's Hilltop Tavern to hold an outside event for the Alleman Pioneers' 35<sup>th</sup> school reunion on Friday, July 8, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**

Alderman Jones moved and Alderman Conroy seconded to approve the event as recommended, subject to complying with all liquor license regulations and subject to being closed down early if noise complaints are received. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

Agenda Item #19

**Items from the City Manager's Memorandum Packet.**

City Manager John Phillips stated that included in the memo packet is a report regarding reimbursement from FEMA that the City will receive for the 2011 blizzard. It was noted that the City will receive \$56,353.00.

Alderman Austin reminded everyone of the opportunity to nominate someone for their significant contributions to the City for Citizen of the Year. Alderman Austin stated that the categories include; Business, Professional, Youth, Education, City Employee, Individual and Organization. Alderman Austin advised that the last category is Honorary Citizen in which someone can be nominated that resides outside the City and deserves to be recognized. It was noted that for more information, call City Hall at 732-2010 or visit the City's website at [www.rigov.org](http://www.rigov.org).

Alderman Austin reminded everyone that Whitewater Junction will open next week for the season.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Martin Luther King Center Director Jerry Jones to explain what event is taking place tomorrow at the Martin Luther King Center.

Mr. Jones advised that the grand opening will be held for the Martin Luther King Center's expansion and renovation project. Mr. Jones indicated that there is 22,000 square feet of renovated or expanded space that includes; a new community room with a full service kitchen; a reception area; 6,000 square feet for use spaces; and renovation in the rest of the building. Mr. Jones invited everyone to the grand opening at 3:00 p.m. at 630 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Alderman Austin inquired upon Library Director Ava Ketter to explain the impact on library services.

Ms. Ketter stated that tomorrow will be the first of the library's six (6) furlough days in this fiscal year due to budget cutbacks. It was noted that the furlough days will be staggered out on various days of the week. Ms. Ketter explained that the library tried to choose days that would have the least impact on the public. It was noted that all three (3) libraries will be closed on

Tuesday, May 24, 2011. In addition, the book drops will be locked and no materials will be due. Ms. Ketter advised that furlough days were an alternative to laying people off.

Alderwoman Murphy commended the library staff on this decision to take furlough days instead of someone losing their job.

Alderman Conroy commented on how nice the Martin Luther King Center is in regards to the expansion and renovation. Alderman Conroy stated that with the expansion, one-third of the money came from the City, one-third of the money came from the State and Federal Government and one-third of the money came from people giving. Alderman Conroy commended the people and organizations that contributed to the King Center's expansion and renovation project.

Alderman Conroy commented on his favorite two summer events in the downtown, which include the Criterium and the Grand Prix.

Alderman Conroy mentioned that he along with Alderman Foley have joined with Chad Pregracke (Living Lands and Waters) and Budweiser to save water resources by not shaving for a period of two weeks. Alderman Conroy advised that this reminds everyone not only to conserve water but also to respect it.

Alderwoman Murphy reminded everyone to Shop Rock Island. Alderwoman Murphy stated that Ganson's Neighborhood Bakery and Café is located on 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 38<sup>th</sup> Street next to Saukie Golf Course. It was noted that Ganson's was closed for a while but has reopened. Alderwoman Murphy indicated that they are open Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It was noted that Ganson's serves breakfast all day on Saturday and Sunday and Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Alderwoman Murphy offered that they also offer catering services.

Agenda Item #20

**Other Business**

Timothy Dooling of 832 14½ Street voiced concerns in regards to individual and community matters.

Agenda Item #21

**Executive Session on Litigation and Personnel.**

The Executive Session, which included a discussion on Litigation and Property Acquisition and not Personnel, was held prior to the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #22

**Recess**

A motion was made by Alderman Foley and seconded by Alderman Tollenaer to recess to Monday, June 6, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following Aye and No vote: those

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voting Aye being Alderman Brooks, Alderman Conroy, Alderman Foley, Alderman Tollenaer, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Murphy and Alderman Austin; those voting No, none.

The meeting was recessed at 7:12 p.m.

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